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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL PRESS CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS
CARTER INAUGURATION

1. DURING PRESS CONFERENCE HE HELD JANUARY 20, FOLLOWING RETURN FROM LAGOS FESTAC, PRESIDENT SIR DAWDA JAWARA SAID ALL OF AFRICA AWAITS NEW POLICIES OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION. "I THINK JIMMY CARTER WILL BRING A NEW DIMENSION TO AMERICAN INTERNAL AND FOREIGN POLICY", SIR DAWDA DECLARED. PRAISING CARTER'S NOMINATION OF ANDREW YOUNG AS UN AMBASSADOR, SIR DAWDA ALSO POINTED TO NOMINATIONS OF PEOPLE FROM MINORITY GROUPS TO VARIOUS OFFICES AS "ANOTHER GOOD SIGN." AFRICA, THE PRESIDENT STRESSED, IS WAITING TO SEE ATTITUDE OF NEW US ADMINISTRATION ESPECIALLY REGARDING SOUTHERN AFRICA AND "THE LIBERATION OF SURPRESSED PEOPLES."

2. TURNING TO HIS MEDIATING EFFORTS BETWEEN SENEGAL AND GUINEA, PRESIDENT JAWARA CONCEDED THEY HAD "NOT YET BEEN BLESSED WITH SUCCESS." HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WAS NOT DISHEARTENED AND WOULD SEIZE ANY OPPORTUNITY THAT PRESENTED ITSELF IN THIS AREA.

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3. ASKED ABOUT THE GAMBIA'S FORTH-COMING PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS, SIR DAWDA SAID ONLY THAT THEY WOULD BE HELD NO LATER THAN JULY, ADDING THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ACT UNCONSTITUTIONALLY. THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED A FOUR DAY CAMPAIGN TRIP, BEGINNING JANUARY 24 TO THE NORTH BANK, WHERE HE PLANS TO MEET THE ELECTORATE AND "MAKE SURE THAT THE PARTY MACHINERY IS IN GOOD SHAPE."

4. SPEAKING OF FESTAC, PRESIDENT JAWARA SAID IT WOULD BE REMEMBERED AS AN OCCASION FOR UPLIFT OF BLACK PEOPLE EVERYWHERE. HE DECLARED THAT AFRICANS MUST ASSERT OWN CULTURE AND TRADITION, BEING LESS DEPENDENT ON ALIEN ONES, ALTHOUGH HE CONCEDED NO CULTURE IS ENTIRELY INDEPENDENT. WYGANT

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